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Public Invited to Bowl-a-thon on Saturday, March 27, 2010, to Create Soup Bowls for Empty Bowls Project at the U of M Crookston; Event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Crookston High School Art Room

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The Crookston High School (CHS) Art Room will be humming with the sound of pottery wheels on Saturday, March 27, 2010--not just one wheel but eight of them. The public is invited to join the efforts of Sonia Spaeth, art instructor at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, CHS art teacher Gary Stegman, and local potter Jenn Steinbrink, owner of the Krazy Kiln, in the creation of some 200 bowls in an effort to raise hunger awareness. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the CHS Art Room, local potters and those with experience are invited to participate in throwing pottery on the wheel and members of the community are encouraged to hand build a bowl for the event.

There is no charge for participating in the bowl-a-thon and all bowls will be donated to the Empty Bowls Dinner to be held during fall semester 2010 at the U of M, Crookston. The entire event is designed to raise awareness about issues of hunger and food security.

Lisa Loegering, assistant director of service learning is coordinating this first ever bowl-a-thon in Crookston, and she is excited about the way the community and the campus are coming together for the cause. "We are signing up both high school and college students to help us make bowls, and we are excited to have as many campus and community members as possible come and join us," Loegering says. "We have 60 bowls made already, but we will need the hands of many to create all the bowls we need for the Empty Bowls Dinner. Please join us if you are available and help create a bowl that will make a difference in the fight against hunger."

Assisting Loegering in coordinating the event is Freshman Katya Zepeda. As recipient of a \$1,000 Carter Academic Service Entrepreneur (CASE) grant, Zepeda wrote her grant proposal with Loegering's help specifically for an Empty Bowls Dinner on the Crookston Campus. All proceeds will benefit the Crookston area food shelf.

During April, a "glaze-a-thon" will be held to glaze all the bowls in preparation for the dinner. Currently scheduled for Saturday, April 17 in the CHS Art Room, everyone is encouraged to come back to glaze the bowls from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. that day.

For more information on the bowl-a-thon or the Empty Bowls Project at the U of M, Crookston, contact Loegering at 218-281-8526.

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